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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson et al (CA 2334546 A1).

Jackson et al discloses a gaming machine having a game controller arranged to play a game (5:15-17), a bet selecting arrangement for selecting one of a number of predetermined amounts to wager on the outcome of the game (8:2-3), each of said predetermined amounts to wager having at least one dedicated jackpot prize associated with it (Fig. 2: 8, 9, 10, 11), a first display configured to display the outcome of said game (Fig. 3:12, 13, 14), wherein in the event that a predetermined winning event occurs said game includes the award of at least one dedicated jackpot prize associated with a respective selected predetermined amount wagered on the game (1:21- 2:5).

Regarding claim 3-4. The gaming machine further including a second display configured to display a current value of the jackpot prizes and mounted in a top box of the gaming machine (Fig. 3: 30A, 30B, 30C).

Regarding claim 5. The bet selecting arrangement is selected from a touch screen (8:3).

Regarding claim 6-9. The bet selection arrangement is configured to enable a selection of one or multiple of the predetermined amounts to wager prior to initiating game play wherein in the event that a player wagers a value that is a multiple or one of a predetermined amount to wager the player is eligible to win a jackpot prize associated with the predetermined amount to wager (5:25-6:5).

Regarding claim 10-11. The jackpot prizes accumulate from a predetermined minimum value and are incremented towards a predetermined maximum value by a portion of the amount wagered (5:6-12).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson et al (CA 2334546 A1).

Jackson et al discloses a gaming machine having a first display (Fig. 3: 12, 13, 14) and a game controller arranged to control images of symbols displayed on the first display (Fig. 3: 24), the game controller being arranged to play a game wherein at least one random event such as the slot reels is caused to be displayed on the first display and (5:16-17), if a predefined winning event occurs, the machine awards a prize, the gaming machine further comprising a bet selecting arrangement for selecting one of a number of predetermined amounts to wager, and a plurality of jackpot prizes, each predetermined amount to wager having at least one jackpot prize associated with it (5:20-6:5, 8:2-3).

Claims 12-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson et al (CA 2334546 A1).

Regarding claim 12. Jackson et al discloses a gaming machine having a first display (Fig. 3: 12, 13, 14) and a game controller arranged to control images of symbols displayed on the first display (Fig. 3: 24), the game controller being arranged to play a game wherein at least one random event such as the slot reels is caused to be displayed on the first display (5:16-17) and, if a predefined winning event occurs, the machine awards a prize, the gaming machine further comprising a bet selecting arrangement for selecting one of a number of predetermined amounts to wager, wherein said selected predetermined amount to wager is associated with at least one dedicated independently accumulating jackpot prize (5:20-6:5, 8:2-3).

Regarding claim 13-14. The bet selection arrangement is configured to enable a selection of one of the predetermined amounts to wager prior to initiating game play and

is configured to enable a wager that is a multiple of a predetermined amount to wager (5:25-6:5).

Regarding claim 15. The event that a player wagers a value that is a multiple of a predetermined amount to wager the player is eligible to win a jackpot prize associated with the predetermined amount to wager (1:21-2:5).

Regarding claim 16. A plurality of jackpot prizes is associated with at least one of the predetermined amounts to wager (Fig. 2:8, 9, 10, 11).

Regarding claim 17-18. The jackpot prizes accumulate from a predetermined minimum value and are incremented towards a predetermined maximum value by a portion of the amount wagered (2:6-12).

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seng H. Lim whose telephone number is 571-270-3301. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00, Monday-Friday, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on 571-272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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